



SYMPOSIUM BREAKOUT SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021 | 12:00-1:00 PM ET

Possible, Practical, and Actionable: Breaking Down the Artificial Silos Between Education and Community

PRESENTERS:

- Alin Bennett, Education Reimagined
- Jorge Perez, YMCA of Greater Cincinnati
- Merita Irby, Forum for Youth Investment
- Miguel Gonzalez, Embark Education
- Olivia Christensen, Iowa BIG/Education Reimagined



A young boy with dark skin and short hair is shown from the chest up, holding a small green plant with dark soil in his hands. He is looking down at the plant with a focused expression. The background is blurred, showing green foliage and a person in a white shirt.

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Between Education and Community**

Welcome!

**Enter in the chat your name and organization
and the answer to this question:**

**What do you hope to discover for yourself
during our session today?**



The work of education is learning.

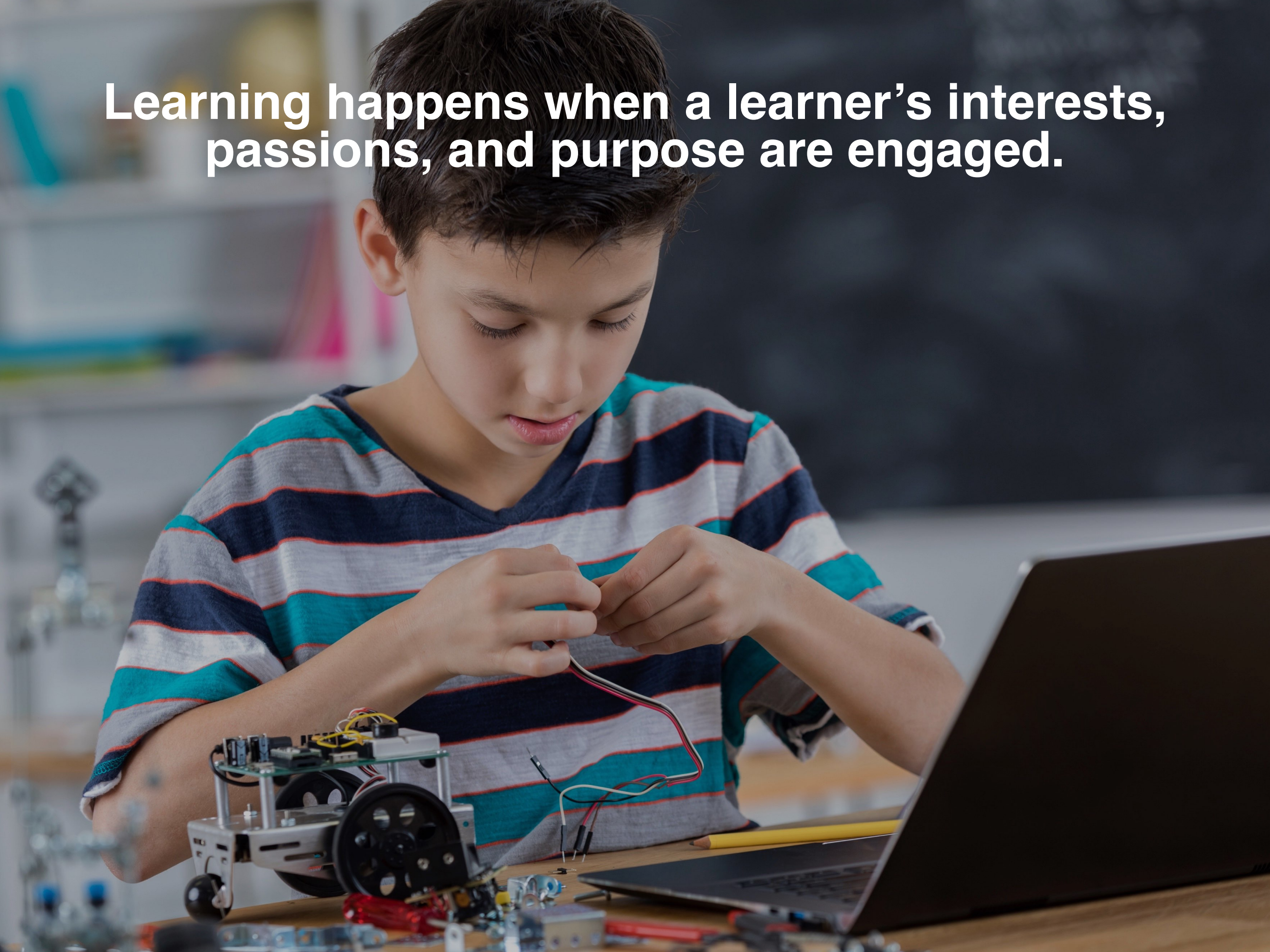


Education is done by and with the learner.

All learners are unique, capable, curious, and wondrous.

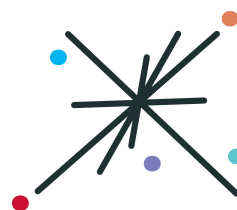


**Learning happens when a learner's interests,
passions, and purpose are engaged.**



The purpose of education is for each young person to discover who they are, their unique gifts, and how to contribute those gifts meaningfully to the world.





A NEW PARADIGM

ASPECT	CURRENT PARADIGM	LEARNER-CENTERED PARADIGM
WORLD VIEW	INDUSTRIAL AGE	NETWORKED AGE
FRAME OF REFERENCE	FACTORIES & ASSEMBLY LINES	NETWORKS & LATERAL CONNECTIONS
MODEL	<p><i>SCHOOL-CENTRIC</i></p> <p>All components of the system are designed for efficiency of education delivery in the context of standardized schools</p>	<p><i>LEARNER-CENTRIC</i></p> <p>All components of the system are designed for the education experience to be adaptable to the needs and strengths of each learner and support the higher outcomes for each and every learner</p>
EDUCATION CHALLENGE	<p><i>Move all children from 1st grade to 12th grade successfully</i></p>	<p><i>Enable each unique child to learn successfully and be lifelong learners</i></p>

3 REASONS WHY YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS ARE OFTEN MORE LEARNER-CENTERED

1. More holistic approach to human development
2. Much more flexible and responsive
3. Attendance in their programs is not compulsory

PANELISTS

Olivia Christensen: Iowa BIG Alumni

Merita Irby: Chief Architect of the Forum
and Ready by 21®

Miguel Gonzalez: Director, Embark Education

Jorge Perez: President and CEO of the YMCA
of Greater Cincinnati



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**Post-Pandemic Imperative: Living into a
New Future that's Equitable, Community-
Based, and Learner-Centered**

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Thank you for joining us!

Share Your Thoughts.

Participate in our one-minute poll (link in chat box).